

## The NLSY97

The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1997 Cohort (NLSY97) is the newest in a series of National Longitudinal Surveys sponsored by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. The youth interviews and supplemental data collection focus on the transition from adolescence to adulthood, with emphasis on school to work transitions, early family influences on later life outcomes, family formation, and delinquent behaviors.

The survey sample of almost 9,000 youths represents all 12 to 16 year olds living in American households in 1997, including oversamples of African-American and Hispanic individuals. The respondents have been interviewed annually since 1997.

Youth interviews have been supplemented with achievement and aptitude tests, a Round 1 parent interview, annual parent reports of household income, high school transcript collection for selected respondents, a two-wave census of high schools, and methodological variables pertaining to the data collection process.

## COSTS

The workshop will take place at the Center for Human Resource Research at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. Accommodations, local transportation, most meals, and reasonable travel expenses will be provided at **no cost** to participants. No fees will be charged.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

NLSY97 data and documentation, including extractable data files, questionnaires and bibliographies of research based on the data can be found at:

[www.bls.gov/nls](http://www.bls.gov/nls)

*or by contacting NLS User Services at:*

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# A Summer User Workshop on the... NLSY97



July 21-24, 2003  
Columbus Ohio

# THE WORKSHOP

## OBJECTIVES

The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1997 Cohort (NLSY97) will host a summer workshop on the survey data and its uses.

*Hands-on workshop sessions will:*

- describe the data in detail,
- highlight methodological strengths of the survey, and
- suggest ways to initiate research with the data.

Sessions will be led by knowledgeable NLSY97 users who will focus on helping participants develop research agendas on topics of their choosing. Substantive sessions will be guided to some extent by participant interests.

## STRUCTURE

### DAY 1 AND DAY 2 MORNING:

Basic information on using and accessing NLSY97 data. Hands-on instruction covering rosters, event history arrays, and the CHRR extraction software.

### DAY 2 AFTERNOON AND DAY 3:

Lecture and hands-on sessions addressing NLSY97 data on household information, employment, schooling, training, income and assets.

### DAY 4:

Supplementary topics reflecting interests of participants, self-administered questionnaire, fertility, marriage, expectations, and program participation.

## TARGETED PARTICIPANTS

The workshop is designated for advanced level graduate students and recent Ph.D. recipients in economics, sociology, demography, public policy and other social sciences. We encourage applications from researchers from both academic and non-academic settings. About 20-25 applicants will be selected.

## APPLYING

Applicants should submit an application form, a CV or resume, a brief research proposal (up to 2 pages), and a letter of recommendation from an advisor or senior scientist to Holly Olson at [olson\\_h@bls.gov](mailto:olson_h@bls.gov).

Application forms and more details about the workshop may be found at [www.bls.gov/nls/userconference/summer2003.htm](http://www.bls.gov/nls/userconference/summer2003.htm)

Applications must be received no later than May 15, 2003. Applicants will be notified of selection decisions on or before June 2, 2003.

Remaining questions about the workshop may be addressed to Alison Aughinbaugh at 202-691-7520 or by e-mail at [Aughinbaugh\\_A@bls.gov](mailto:Aughinbaugh_A@bls.gov).

## NLSY97 DATA FILES

As of January, 2003, data are available from Rounds 1 through 4. Public use data files include:

- Four rounds of Youth Interviews
- Created variables to facilitate data analyses
- Event history arrays for employment, schooling, marital and cohabitation status, and program participation
- Aptitude and achievement scores including Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) and PIAT Mathematics scores.
- Parent interviews from Round 1

Additional restricted use files provide geocode data and information from the 1996 and 2000 School Surveys.

Round 5 mainfile data are scheduled for release in June, 2003 and will be used in workshop activities.